

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 8-16 and 20-26 are in the case. Claims 1-7 and 17-19 have been canceled. Claims 8, 20 and 25 have been amended.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 20 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, both of these claims have been amended to clarify that the “size” previously recited is length. See the Specification at page 31, lines 1-8 for support. It is therefore respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-7 and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Stillman in view of Li, these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to Claims 8-16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and the indication of their allowability if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim, these claims have been so rewritten. Wherefore reconsideration of this objection and the allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

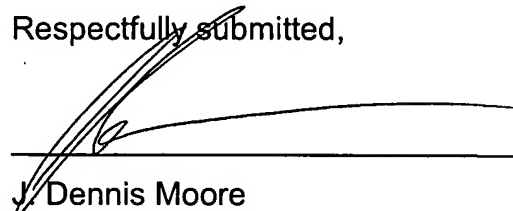
Regarding the indication of the allowability of Claims 20-26 if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, Claims 20 and 25 have been amended to overcome the rejection, as set forth above. Wherefore allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,

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